PAWS & PAIRINGS

SAVE THE DATE

June 1st, 2018
6-9 pm
Pleasant Valley Wine Company Visitor Center

For more information, please visit
www.fingerlakesspca.org
or contact jeff@fingerlakesspca.org
(607) 622-5363

THE NEW SHELTER

Saturday, June 16th, 2018
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Building Naming and Recognitions, Ribbon Cutting,
Live Music, Refreshments & More!

The reason we do what we do is because we believe our innocent animal friends
need and deserve protection and good care and because we recognize the extreme
importance and specialness of the human-companion animal bond. The new shelter
reflects our organization’s values and will help us to better achieve our mission. We
are so grateful we live in a community which shares and supports these same values.

We are so excited to invite the community to come in and visit the animals in their new
home during our Grand Opening of the new shelter on Saturday, June 16th. Due to
the astonishing generosity of the community, we are nearing 90% of our original capital
campaign goal of $2.6 million. These monies were raised primarily via large individual
gifts for naming opportunities, grant and foundation funding, and Willy of the Crooked
Lake book donations. We are so grateful for every single gift and the extraordinary
support we have received from everyone to date.

At this time, we are continuing our River’s Edge Community Campaign and invite
anyone who has yet to give (or anyone who has given, but would like to provide
additional assistance) to join us in giving as we draw ever nearer the completion of this
vital project. While the interior of the new building is primarily finished, we still very
much need our community’s support. We cannot stress this enough.

We still need to complete the remaining balance of our campaign goal to cover paying
off the property mortgage and to replenish the endowment. Additionally, we incurred
some additional expense to move and reset fencing and for expanded fencing installation.
We also are planning concrete pads and overhead cover for our outside dog exercise
areas. These expenditures were not fully integrated into the initial capital campaign goal.
While we made use of some of our existing fencing, expanded fencing was needed for the
optimized well being of our canine friends. (continued)
Grand Opening (continued)

You can still be a part of this historic event and the successful completion of the campaign to ensure we are in a position to best provide for our community’s homeless, abused and neglected animals. Special recognition opportunities are still available for gifts of varying sizes (please read to the end of this article for details). Please remember, any gift, large or small, will bring us closer to achieving 100% of this critical goal!

It is important to keep in mind that we are asking everyone to give to both the fund to finish exterior work to the shelter, pay off our mortgage and to replenish the endowment (Building Project); and the fund for daily operations of the animal shelter (Operations). We need to maintain existing funding levels day-to-day; so the care of the animals and shelter operations are not impacted.

So, if you already give to support the operations of the shelter, we are asking you to continue your support at least at the same level. And, we are respectfully asking you to consider an additional gift to support the capital campaign/building project. If you are a new donor, we are asking you to do a split gift or two gifts designating part for the new building fund and part for shelter operations.

Again, any gift, large or small, will bring us closer to achieving 100% of this critical goal!

**RIVER’S EDGE COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN RECOGNITIONS:**

All gifts of $100 to $499 designated for the building project:
- Donor will receive a special and artistic commemorative card.
- This recognition would make a great gift for an animal lover and will denote the gift’s lasting impact for our homeless animal friends and community.

All gifts of $500 or more designated for the building project:
- Gifts will be recognized on a highly visible donor board in the lobby of the new building.
- Gifts designated for the new shelter campaign may be spread over three years simply by filling out a pledge card!

**ADDITIONAL NAMING RECOGNITIONS**

We still have some special naming opportunities inside and outside of the building. If you are interested in any naming opportunities, please contact Vicki Mosgrove @ 607-622-5363 for more information and to check availability.

**HOW TO GIVE:**

1. Mail a check(s) with your designations to Finger Lakes SPCA, P.O. Box 567, Bath, NY 14810
2. Visit fingerlakesspca.org and click on the Network for Good or PayPal Icon to give online gifts and be sure to include your designations.
3. Visit our 72 Cameron Street, Bath, location during our regular business hours (11 a.m. to 4 p.m. except Thursdays and Sundays closed) to drop off your gift(s).
4. For all naming opportunities, please call Vicki Mosgrove @ 607-622-5363 to check for availability, for more information and to obtain pledge cards.

Remember if you are considering a larger gift, it may be spread over three years by simply filling out a pledge card.

**JUNE IS ADOPT-A-SHELTER CAT MONTH**

FLSPCA is celebrating with feline adoption specials now through July 31, 2018!

**Adopt-A-Pair of Cats/Kittens**
- One Adoption Price: $70 (Just $35 Each)

**Adopt-A-Single Cat**
- Adoptions Reduced by $25:
  - Now Only $45

Adoption fees help to cover a small portion of the cost of services that are included in the adoption package.

The estimated value of our feline adoption package is $250-$350.

**All Cat Adoption Packages Include:**
- Spay/Neuter Surgery,
- Initial Vaccines & Dewormer,
- Flea Preventive, FeLV & FIV Testing, Microchip,
- Physical Examination at a Participating Veterinarian and More!

*This offer is good through July 31, 2018. Standard adoption policies and procedures apply.

**Dreaming of a Forever Home!**

**SAVE THE DATE**

September 14, 2018
Bath Country Club
For information, call Jeff at 607.622.5363 or email jeff@fingerlakesspca.org

Proceeds to Benefit Animals and Programs of the Finger Lakes SPCA

Thank you!
David Geis

David Geis was raised on a farm in Jasper until he was 12, at which point his family moved to Addison. He lived with his parents, a brother, Pete, and step-brother, Steve. After graduating from Addison High School, Dave enlisted in the U.S. Navy as a nuclear machinist mate. Presently, he lives in Bath and is attending Corning Community College where he is majoring in mechanical engineering. His studies keep him busy, and in addition to school he also has five daughters to raise. His girls are Jadyn, age 13; Skyla, age 9; Rylee, age 8; Azianna, age 4; and Davina, age 3.

When I asked what hobbies he has or things he likes to do in his “leisure time” he laughed and said, “What leisure time? I already mentioned that I have five daughters!” When he does find some down time he loves watching his favorite football team, the Buffalo Bills, or working on cars. Other interests include reading technical books and manuals, listening to alternative rock music, taking the girls to the park, picnicking, and camping. He attends all the FLSPCA events with his family and loves to have the girls with him supporting projects that are important in helping animals have better lives.

David has been with us for 2 years this spring. The list of his accomplishments is long and impressive. He does grounds maintenance, mechanical equipment repairs, landscaping, house and barn repairs, sets up for fundraising events, assists with farm and domestic animal care, makes dump recycle runs, puts in our own barn hay, makes hay and supply runs to foster farms, picks up donations, makes Salvation Army drop-offs, and assists with the feral cat trapping program. Dave is not only very capable, he also has a very pleasant and professional demeanor when dealing with staff, other volunteers and the public.

Two of Dave’s most memorable experiences at the shelter are particularly the days of helping in the blistering sun by bringing Pippa and the girls with them. Thankful that they showed up on our doorstep and that the 3 acres of backyard look so beautiful today.

Dave says his most memorable experience at the shelter, besides the Cattyshack, is being able to bring his kids with him to help with activities of such importance. They have the chance to do good things themselves and meet others with similar values.

He says it has been exciting volunteering for us at the time when the new facility project was underway and actually contributing to the process of getting it completed. The new building has a historical value to the people and animals in the community, but for Dave it has a personal one as well.

Craig and Dave are both very special volunteers. They have been relentlessly hardworking and loyal to the FLSPCA for months and months. We could not have accomplished what we have without their efforts. They make a significant difference in the success of our mission every day that they show up to work. Additionally, along the way they add so much extra with their heartwarming personalities, friendship and sense of humor. We are thankful that they showed up on our doorstep and brought Pippa and the girls with them.
A HAPPY TAIL…

Martha

I didn’t want to keep charting with you on the phone today, because I know how busy you all are, but I had an interesting report on our puppy! Turns out she is a “working dog”. I was so surprised.

I had her out with me yesterday and I was cleaning out some plants in my raised beds. I was pulling out some corn stalks (smaller than farm field corn), had “Martha” on a long lead line and she just stuck right by me the whole time, but was sniffing and scratching at whatever. But, when I started yanking out plants she jumped right into the raised bed and started pulling on the bottom of the plant at the roots that I was trying to pull out. She did that for every corn stalk. Then, as I was putting them in a pile, she started dragging those darn things over to the pile after I threw them to the ground!

I was pulling the debris along in a wagon over to the pile along side the woods area, where I was putting them in a pile, she started dragging those darn things over to the pile after I threw them to the ground!

She obviously has the cats all herded to their respective areas, as well.

I didn’t know she was getting such a “Working Girl”, I thought she would be more of a “Foo-Foo” princess dog. She is quite the baby whenever my daughter is around; pretty pleased with us as well. Thank you to FLSPCA and especially “Katie’s Fund” for getting her healthy, happy and ready for a forever home.

Mary Moyer
Whether you have a million dollar estate or a modest one, you need an estate plan. A good estate plan provides for your loved ones, minimizes tax liabilities and provides “Gifted” plans of your assets to support your favorite charities. Many planning giving options exist to suit almost any circumstances. You can consider the final disposition of your assets, remember all of your friends at the Finger Lakes SPCA.